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THREE DAYS OF DEMONSTRATIONS IN DILI
BISHOP ASKS TO STOP DEMONSTRATIONS
60 PEOPLE INJURED

According to the latest news arrived from East Timor,pro-independence demonstration took place in Dili, the capital of East Timor, during three days,on 17,18 and 19 January.The demonstrations started on 17 January at hotel "Turismo",Dili,during the visit of the US ambassador to Indonesia,Mr.John Monjol.The demonstrators demanded the immediately withdrawal of the Indonesian troops from East Timor,the presence of a multinational force in East Timor and to free all political prisoners jailed since 1975 up until now.One of the demonstrator,Juliao, spoke to the ambassador with a megaphone while the others shouted "Independence or Death" "Integration No and Never".

According to our clandestine groups in East Timor,the ambassador,in response,said that the US support the East Timor's freedom.He told the demonstrators,he would convey to the US government and the UN everything that he saw and heard during the demonstration.About the multinational force,he said,he has no power to send them to the territory.The demonstrators dellivered him photos of massacres committed by the Indonesian soldiers in East Timor and a letter addressed to him.

The demonstration was brutally ended, when police and soldiers intervened, soon after the ambassador has left, causing heavy injurings among the demonstrators.A group of demonstrators were tortured by soldiers of the Patrolling Unit(Patroli Garnisun).Two of them,Paulo Rossi and Paulo Monteiro Babo,a teacher,both from Ermera, were injured and refuged at the International Red Cross office, near the hotel where the demonstration was taking place.The police broke through the windows of the office and took them away.The other demonstrators who escaped,refuged at the bishop's house.

In the evening of the same day, they were visited by the "governor",Mr.Carrascalao,at the bishop's house.Addressing to the demonstrators in Tetum,the Timorese national language he asked,how

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many of them were injured and where were them.

Carrascalao,asked them to return home and school.Before leaving, he expressed his solidarity with the demonstrators in the struggling for the rights of the Maubere people."What they did for you,is what they are doing for me"he added.

On the following day,18 January, the chief of East Timor Intelligence,lieutenant-colonel,Gatot,visited the demonstrators in the early morning.Like Carrascalao,Gatot,asked them to go back home.He apologized them for the events of the previous day.He said that it was a failure of the policemen and the soldiers of the district command (KODIM).He promised that,there will not be any persecution or imprisonment, if they return home.Before leaving the place,he turned to the demonstrators and said :"If you want indepen - dence,you'll have it,of course".Ironically or not there is not any comment from our sources.

In the afternoon of the same day,about 15:30,there was another demonstration in Dili.The demonstrators marched in the streets of Dili,shouting for the withdrawal of the Indonesian troops in East Timor and for the independence.

The marching stopped at the Lecidere's Episcopal Square, to hear the bishop Belo speeching.After that the demonstrators formed a commission consistedof seven persons included a girl, to meet the Indonesian authorities.They were accompanied by the bishop,the police commander, the commander of the Indonesian forces stationed in East Timor (Panglima) and some of his staffs.

They met the"governor" Carrascalao, the "Chairman of the Regional People's Representative Council (DPRD)", at the "governor" office in Dili, while the other demonstrators (about 800),waited for the results at Lecidere.During the meeting,the commission, continued to demand the independence of East Timor and to stop the imprison - ment and the persecutions.The "chairman of the Regional People's Representative Council" threatened to use strong measures against any demonstration in the future.

The demonstrators dispersed peacefully at 22:30 after the commission and the bishop have joined them at the Episcopal Square of Lecidere.

BISHOP ASKS FOR NO MORE DEMONSTRATIONS

On 19 January,was the last day of the three-days demonstration, in the capital' streets.More people joined the crowd of demonstra-

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tors at the streets.Employees who could not join them, because of fear of reprisals from the Indonesian soldiers or by other reasons,expressed their support and sympathy for the demonstra - tors.Before dispersing,the bishop joined them and appealled for order and asked them not to make more demonstrations.

According to the latest informations from East Timor, about 60 persons were injured by the police and soldiers.Six of them were seriously injured.

Meanwhile,the Indonesian Intelligence mobilized a big num - ber of intelligents to spy the young people and the civilservants. Many of them are already in the list of the intelligents to be ar- rested and interrogated.